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WE ARE REPEATING HERewith TAIPEI'S 7841 FOR CODEL SOLARZ
WHICH WAS RECEIVED HERE NOVEMBER 26.

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H PASS STEPHEN SOLARZ

E.O. 11652: N/A

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SUBJECT: CODEL SOLARZ

1. REQUEST CODEL SOLARZ CLEARANCE OF FOLLOWING DRAFT REPORT
ON HIS VISIT TO TAIWAN:

2. BEGIN TEXT: CONGRESSMAN STEPHEN J. SOLARZ VISITED THE
REPUBLIC OF CHINA FROM SATURDAY NOV. 20 UNTIL TUESDAY NOV.
23, 1976. IN ACCORDANCE WITH CODEL'S DESIRE TO MAKE MAXIMUM
USE OF HIS TIME IN TAIWAN, EMBASSY SOUGHT TO PROVIDE A FULL
AND PRODUCTIVE SCHEDULE, WITH EMPHASIS ON ROC ECONOMIC
DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS AND STRATEGIES.

3. IMMEDIATELY AFTER CHECKING IN AT HIS HOTEL, CONGRESSMAN
SOLARZ WAS TAKEN ON A TOUR OF TAOYUAN INDUSTRIAL PARK (LOCATED
APPROXIMATELY 25 MILES FROM TAIPEI), WHERE HE VISITED A
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SIVELY FOR EXPORT. THE AMERICAN MANAGER ARRANGED FOR CODEL TO MEET WITH THE PLANT'S MIDDLE-MANAGEMENT STAFF--SEVERAL OF WHOM ARE NATIVE-BORN TAIWANESE--FOR A GENERAL DISCUSSION OF CONDITIONS IN TAIWAN. IN THE EVENING, CONGRESSMAN SOLARZ WAS ACCOMPANIED ON A TOUR OF TAIPEI CITY BY THE USIS CULTURAL AFFAIRS OFFICER AND ONE OF THE EMBASSY'S POLITICAL OFFICERS.

4. ON SUNDAY MORNING, CONGRESSMAN SOLARZ BREAKFASTED WITH THE LOCAL NEW YORK TIMES CORRESPONDENT, MISS DIANE YING, AND CONTINUED HIS DISCUSSIONS WITH HER DURING AN IMPROMPTU VISIT TO THE NATIONAL PALACE MUSEUM. SUNDAY AFTERNOONQAS DEVOTED TO A VISIT TO THE CONSTRUCTION SITE OF TAIWAN'S FIRST NUCLEAR POWER PLANT--ONE OF THREE BEING BUILT BY TAIPOWER WITH HEAVY FINANCING BY THE U.S. EXPORT-IMPORT BANK. THESE PLANTS ARE AMONG THE TEN MAJOR INFRA-STRUCTURE PROJECTS WHICH ARE AT THE HEART OF GROC'S CURRENT ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM.

5. CONGRESSMAN SOLARZ HAD A FULL SCHEDULE OF OFFICIAL CALLS ON MONDAY, NOVEMBER 22, BEGINNING WITH A VISIT TO THE EMBASSY FOR A BRIEFING BY THE CHARGE D'AFFAIRES. THIS WAS FOLLOWED BY CALLS ON FOREIGN MINISTER SHEN CHANG-HUAN; PRESIDENT YEN CHIA-KAN; VICE MINISTER OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS YANG CHI-CHUAN; AND THE CHIEF OF GENERAL STAFF, ADMIRAL SOONG CHANG-CHIH.

6. DURING HIS CALL AT THE FOREIGN MINISTRY, CONGRESSMAN SOLARZ SOUGHT THE MINISTER'S VIEWS ON THE POSSIBILITY OF DEVISING A MUTUALLY ACCEPTABLE "FORMULA" FOR REPLACING THE MUTUAL SECURITY TREATY WITH SOME OTHER FORM OF U.S. COMMITMENT SUCH AS A UNILATERAL DECLARATION BY THE PRESIDENT OR A CONGRESSIONAL RESOLUTION. MINISTER SHEN RESPONDED THAT, FROM THE GROC POINT OF VIEW, THERE CAN BE NO SATISFACTORY SUBSTITUTE FOR THE TREATY. HE NOTED THAT THERE ARE SOME IN THE ROC WHO QUESTION WHETHER THE U.S. WOULD HONOR THE TREATY ITSELF IF TAIWAN SHOULD BE ATTACKED FROM THE MAINLAND. IF SUCH DOUBTS EXIST WITH RESPECT TO A SOLEMN TREATY--WITH ALL OF ITS LEGAL AND MORALLY BINDING ATTRIBUTES--THE MINISTER SAID THE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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GROC COULD NOT HOPE TO CONVINCE THE PEOPLE OF TAIWAN THAT THE U.S. WOULD HONOR SOME OTHER LESS BINDING COMMITMENT. HE SAID THE PEOPLE WOULD CONSIDER THE GOVERNMENT "STUPID" TO ACCEPT ANY SUBSTITUTE COMMITMENT, AND THAT IF THE U.S. SHOULD ABROGATE THE TREATY HE WOULD CONSIDER THAT HE HAD FAILED IN HIS PRIMARY MISSION AS FOREIGN MINISOER AND WOULD PROMPTLY RESIGN. HE ALSO COMMENTED THAT ABROGATION OF THE MUTUAL SECURITY TREATY WITH ROC WOULD CAUSE SERIOUS

DAMAGE TO THE PRESTIGE AND CREDIBILITY OF THE U.S. IN
OTHER COUNTRIES.

7. IN HIS CALL ON PRESIDENT YEN, CONGRESSMAN SOLARZ DID
NOT TOUCH ON POLITICAL QUESTIONS. DISCUSSION CENTERED
ON THE ROC'S SUCCESSFUL LAND REFORM PROGRAM OF THE 1950'S
AND ITS CONTRIBQTION TO SUBSEQUENT AGRICULTURAL AND INDUSTRIAL
DEVELOPMENT IN TAIWAN. THE PRESIDENT WAS UNIQUELY
QUALIFIED TO SPEAK ON THIS SUBJECT, HAVING PLAYED A
MAJOR PERSONAL ROLE IN THE LAND REFORM PROGRAM WHEN
HE WAS COMMISSIONER OF FINANCE IN THE TAIWAN PROVINCIAL
GOVT.

8. CONGRESSMAN SOLARZ WAS ABLE TO CONTINUE HIS STUDY OF
TAIWAN'S AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT IN A TWO-HOUR VISIT
TO THE JOINT COMMISSION ON RURAL RECONSTRUCTION ON
TUESDAY MORNING JUST PRIOR TO HIS DEPARTURE FOR MANILA.
HE ALSO MET FOR TWO HOURS ON NOVEMBER 22 WITH TOP
OFFICIALS OF THE ECONOMIC PLANNING COUNCIL (CHAIRMAN
YANG CHIA-LIN; VICE CHAIRMAN SUN CHEN; AND SECRETARY-
GENERAL TSUI TSU-KAN) AT A WORKING LUNCHEON. IN ADDI-
TION HE WAS GIVEN AN OVERALL BRIEFING ON ROC ECONOMIC
DEVELOPMENT AT THE MINISTRY OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS.

9. CONGRESSMAN SOLARZ DISCUSSED COMPARATIVE ARMED FORCE
LEVELS OF THE ROC AND PRC DURING HIS CALL ON ADMIRAL
SOONG AND AGAIN AT A BREAKFAST MEETING WITH VICE ADMIRAL
E. K. SNYDER, COMMANDER OF THE U.S. TAIWAN DEFENSE
COMMAND.

10. THE CULTURAL AFFAIRS OFFICER, USIS, HOSTED A DINNER
AT WHICH CONGRESSMAN SOLARZ, BY PRIOR ARRANGEMENT, DIS-
CUSSED THE RESULTS OF THE RECENT U.S. PRESIDENTIAL
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ELECTION BEFORE A GROUP OF CHINESE GOVERNMENT, PROFESSIONAL,
AND ACADEMIC REPRESENTATIVES. (REPORTED BY SEPTTEL.) END
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